Child Protection Accountability Commission

Training Committee Mandatory Reporting Workgroup

Friday, March 18, 2016 10:00am -11:30am DSCYF, Faulkland Road, Room 201

In Attendance:

Lynn Arnold DSCYF
Jessica Begley OCA
Robert Challenger DSCYF
Marjorie Georges OCA (Intern)
Rosalie Morales OCA

I. Introductions

Bob Challenger opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

II. Minutes

Minutes from the November 10, 2015 meeting were approved.

III. 2016-2017 School Training

The group discussed including the Stewards of Children® program as an alternative to the mandatory reporting training for the 2016-2017 school year. The workgroup agreed that it would be appropriate to offer educators both curriculums. However, first-year teachers must complete the CPAC Mandatory Reporting Training. Lynn Arnold will draft a letter to school administrators detailing the training options. The letter will be distributed in August.

In preparation for the 2016-2017 school-year, Jessica Begley will revise the school training to include new case scenarios and video clips. A train-the-trainer session will be scheduled for early August.

IV. Pending Legislation

Ms. Morales also mentioned that there is pending legislation regarding the mandatory reporting statute as it relates to disclosures made by individuals 18 years of age and older. The legislation adds language for mental health professionals and specifies conditions in which these professionals are not subject to the reporting requirements (Senate Bill 251). If passed, the mandatory reporting training will be updated to reflect the change in legislation.

V. 2017 Medical Training

In preparation for the 2017 license renewal period, Jessica Begley will consult with a physician to assist in updating the training for medical professionals.

VI. Next Meeting

Friday, June 17, 2016.